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SECURITY INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SR/DB

FROM: Acting Chief, SR/Baltic

SUBJECT: Establishing Cover Stories for CAMBAROS 1 and 2

1. In accordance with the discussion held between [ ] of DB and [ ] of this office, this memorandum will outline the details needed in establishment of cover stories for CAMBAROS 1 and 2, anticipating their arrival in the United States on or about 1 September 1952.

2. As developed, the cover stories should provide credit references in the Washington area, an ostensible employer (also in or near Washington), and a secure defense against any inquiries which might be made concerning the CAMBAROS purpose for being in Washington.

3. CAMBARO 1, will be accompanied by his wife and two children. He will proceed almost immediately to visit his mother-in-law, now living in Texas; therefore cover need not be completed for him in the Washington area until about 15 September. He will need, however, an ostensible course of action which he plans to follow once he returns to Washington. It is suggested that he say to his family and anyone who might inquire that he is returning to Washington to begin working for his cover employer on 15 September, and is able to travel because his employer has advanced him some money against his salary. Housing arrangements for CAMBARO 1 and his family therefore need not become effective prior to 15 September.

4. The most logical cover position in accordance with character for CAMBARO 1 would be one in which he could perform mental, rather than physical tasks, perhaps something of a statistical nature for a concern engaged in business in Washington. Born of well-to-do parents, CAMBARO 1 studied agriculture at the University of Latvia during his country's independence. He is intelligent, and can adopt himself to a changing situation with ease. His career in intelligence work began when he joined the Latvian anti-Soviet underground immediately after the occupation in 1940, continued through periods of imprisonment by the Soviets, and his escape from Latvia to Sweden in 1945. Since his escape, he has endeavored to aid in freeing his country from Soviet domination through continued contact with the underground, and more recently his employment by us as consultant and trainer for Project AECOB. He is a seemingly pessimistic individual possessing an aristocratic manner.

5. CAMBARO 2 also will require housing about 15 September, since, if he arrives at an earlier date, the Case Officer plans to house him in the operational safehouse assigned to TU #104 in order that he help prepare the house for the arrival of the trainees. His character indicates that he would be most logically employed in tasks involving semi-skilled labor.

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His command of English does not equal that of CAMBARO 1, and his physical structure indicates he has performed manual labor for most of his life. Although neither man speaks English at all well, both speak fair German and Swedish. CAMBARO 2 is a congenial man who can consume large quantities of alcohol without noticeable effect, is somewhat headstrong, but who will listen to and obey advice from one he recognizes as his superior. A former functionary of the group which contacted the Latvian resistance movement after World War II, CAMBARO 2 has been a Latvian army and police officer. After studying agriculture at the University of Latvia, CAMBARO 2 entered military service, from which he was released in 1936. He then went into police service at Riga. A good marksman, he was mobilized into the Latvian Legion in 1943, but deserted to join the partisans two years later. He is approximately 32 years old. Married and childless, CAMBARO 2 will live alone until his wife arrives, probably during winter 1952-53.

6. As regards details of the cover story itself, it's exact nature will necessarily depend on the available contacts, but the following suggestions are made as guidance:

- a. Both men should be employed by the same firm, to explain their continual companionship, the fact that one man may drive both "to work", and the possibility that both may be seen together in Washington during normal working hours.
- b. The cover employer should be located in the Washington area, to allow the CAMBAROS to mail letters here without intermediaries, and to account for their presence here to any inquirer.
- c. CAMBARO 1 and 2 should be receiving approximately the same salary from their cover employer as the \$5,000 per annum actually received from this Agency, to assure naturalness in the type of living quarters, manner of dress, etc., which they will effect while in the Washington area.
- d. No objection is made to adjoining living quarters for the two men. It is recommended, however, that they not live in a neighborhood in which they might be unduly suspicious because of their language difficulties and irregular working hours.
- e. Neither man should be forced to sign long-term leases to obtain quarters, but should rent his dwelling by the month, since the duration of their stay has not been definitely determined. Both men will pay rent themselves from salaries received from this Agency. Government interest should not be shown in them in any way.

7. On their arrival in the United States, sanctioned by visitors' visas to be received prior to departure, CAMBAROS 1 and 2 will be employed as consultants to the AECOB project. They will be used both in a training capacity and as sources of area knowledge.

8. The cooperation of DB is requested in fulfilling the above-mentioned requests. For further information, please contact extension 2538, Room 2504 "J" building.

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